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Community Profile Series

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2006 Census Overview

The Census of Population and Housing is held every five years and is the largest statistical collection undertaken by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS). The Census collects population, housing, social and economic characteristics, which provides a 'snapshot' of Australian society.

Over 30,000 collectors delivered Census forms to approximately nine million households for Census Night, 8 August 2006. In addition to the traditional paper form, Australians (and visitors) also had the option of completing their Census form online for the first time.

Some interesting 2006 Census facts:

- The number of people counted (including overseas visitors) was 20,061,646.
- There were 771,130 respondents who submitted their information via eCensus, this represents 10.15% of all occupied private dwellings.
- There were more females (50.6%) than males (49.4%).
- The number of people who identified as being Indigenous was 455,031.
- The median age of the Australian resident population was 37 years, up from 35 years in the 2001 Census.
- The number of people counted who had Australian Citizenship was 17,095,569 (86.1%).

The wealth of information collected through the Census is a valuable asset for all Australians. Census information is vital to supporting the planning, administration, policy development and evaluation of activities of government, business, researchers and community users.

2006 Census Community Profile Series

The Community Profiles are a series of tables containing key 2006 Census characteristics of persons, families and dwellings.

The Profiles are excellent tools for research, planning and analysis and are a great way of obtaining a statistical picture of a community. The tables are presented in a standard format, which allows you to easily compare different areas or population groups.

There are a number of Profile types available, varying in the amount of data detail or population group. You can choose data profiles for the geographic area of your choice – from Collection District (CD) level to the whole of Australia.

If you require data for a large number of areas, it is recommended that you contact an ABS Information Consultant who can advise you of an appropriate product and any applicable charges.

How you can access the Community Profile Series

Go to the ABS website **www.abs.gov.au/census** and click on the Community Profiles icon. You will then be taken to a page where you can choose from a number of location search methods, which are:

Search – Enables you to enter a place name or postal area within Australia and returns all areas which match.

Address Search – Allows you to enter a street address and returns all areas the address falls within.

States and Cities – Lists Australia, all states and territories and each capital city.

Browse – Drop down menu enables you to choose from a range of location types and browse through the geographic hierarchy.

Map – Choose your location with a clickable map.

Once you have chosen your location, you will be presented with the option to download the Community Profile of your choice.

An important change for the 2006 Census was the 'Place of Usual Residence' question (where a person usually lives) as the primary basis for releasing data. This has replaced data based on 'Place of Enumeration' (where someone was counted on Census Night) as the primary method of release.

Basic Community Profile

ABS Cat. No. 2001.0

Basic Community Profile (BCP): Is the primary profile consisting of 45 tables of key Census characteristics of persons, families and dwellings based on Place of Usual Residence (where Census respondents usually live).

Further data from the 2006 Census provides information about people's ancestry, their use of personal computers at home, and Internet use are also included in the profile.

Geography available: All Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) areas from Collection Districts (CD) and above (including Remoteness Areas) and the Census Geographic Areas of Commonwealth Electoral Divisions (CED), State Electoral Divisions (SED), State Suburbs (SSC) and Postal Areas (POA).

The Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) is a hierarchically structured classification used by the ABS for classification of spatial units within Australia. The 2006 Geographic Structure can be found on page 19.

Release dates: The 45 tables of BCP data were issued in two releases:

- First Release: 27 August 2007
- Second Release: 25 October 2007

All Community Profiles are FREE online www.abs.gov.au/census.

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Place of Enumeration Profile

ABS Cat. No. 2004.0

Place of Enumeration Profile (PEP): 43 tables containing key Census characteristics based on where Census respondents were counted on Census Night. This includes people on board vessels in or between Australian ports or on long distance trains, buses or aircrafts. People were counted where they spent Census Night, which may or may not be where they usually live.

Geography available: All Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) areas from Collection Districts (CD) and above (including Remoteness Areas) and the Census Geographic Areas of Commonwealth Electoral Divisions (CED), State Electoral Divisions (SED), State Suburbs (SSC) and Postal Areas (POA).

Release dates: The 43 tables of Place of Enumeration data were issued in two releases:

- First Release: 25 September 2007
- Second Release: 27 November 2007

QuickStats FREE online
www.abs.gov.au/census.

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Indigenous Profile

ABS Cat. No. 2002.0

Indigenous Profile (IP): 34 tables based on Place of Usual Residence containing key Census characteristics of Indigenous persons, households and some comparisons with the non-Indigenous population.

The Census continues to be one of the most important sources of statistical information about Indigenous communities.

Data are based on **Place of Usual Residence.**

Geography available: The Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) areas of Statistical Local Area (SLA), Statistical Subdivisions (SSD), Statistical Divisions (SD), Local Government Areas (LGA), Remoteness Areas, States and Territories and Australia and the Census Geographic Area of Indigenous Locations (ILOC), Indigenous Areas (IAREA) and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission (ATSIC) Regions.

Release dates: The 34 tables of IP data were issued in two releases:

- First Release: 27 August 2007
- Second Release: 25 October 2007

SEIFA 2006 FREE online
www.abs.gov.au/census.

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Time Series Profile

ABS Cat. No. 2003.0

Time Series Profile (TSP): 26 tables containing key Census characteristics of person, families and dwellings comparing data from the 1996, 2001 and 2006 Censuses based on **Place of Enumeration.**

The Time Series Profile (TSP) provides the information to conduct analysis and compare statistics across a number of years.

Some classifications have been redefined to ensure data comparability between Censuses. Footnotes have been added to the tables to indicate these concordances.

Geography available: The Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) areas of Statistical Local Areas (SLA), Statistical Subdivisions (SSD), Statistical Divisions (SD), Local Government Areas (LGA), Statistical Districts, States and Territories and Australia.

The data is based on **2006 Census boundaries.**

Release dates: The 26 tables of TSP data were issued in two releases:

- First Release: 25 August 2007
- Second Release: 27 November 2007

Census Tables FREE online
www.abs.gov.au/census.

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Expanded Community Profile

ABS Cat. No. 2005.0

Expanded Community Profile (XCP): The most comprehensive profile in the series with 42 tables based on **Place of Enumeration.** Tables include all the tables from the Basic Community Profiles plus; relationships within a family; living costs and dwelling structures. It builds upon the content of the Basic Community Profile, providing more categories within a classification.

Geography available: The Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) areas of Statistical Local Areas (SLA), Statistical Subdivisions (SSD), Statistical Divisions (SD), Local Government Areas (LGA), Statistical Districts, States and Territories and Australia.

Release dates: The 42 tables of XCP data were issued in two releases:

- First Release: 25 September 2007
- Second Release: 27 November 2007

MapStats FREE online
www.abs.gov.au/census.

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Working Population Profile

ABS Cat. No. 2006.0

Working Population Profile (WPP): 22 tables of key Census characteristics of working population data. It provides a range of data, including how many people work full-time or part-time, what incomes they have, which industries they work in, which industries have people working long hours, which occupations utilise the Internet, and how people travel to work.

Data are based on a **person's area of employment.**

Geography available: The Australian Standard Geographical Classification (ASGC) areas of Statistical Local Areas (SLA), Statistical Subdivisions (SSD), Statistical Divisions (SD), Local Government Areas (LGA), States and Territories and Australia and Place of Work Statistical Local Areas.

Release date: 29 February 2008

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Summary of Key 2006 Census Products

Free online products – www.abs.gov.au/census

QuickStats: A summary of key Census data for a chosen area, benchmarked against Australia.

MapStats: A series of thematic maps showing the distribution of Census data for a chosen location.

Census Tables: Individual tables of Census data, available on a range of topics, for a chosen location.

CDATA Online: Allows users to construct their own tables via an interactive web interface, with web mapping and charting application software, from the Collection District level to an entire State or Territory and all of Australia.

SEIFA 2006: The Socio-Economic Indexes for Areas 2006 (SEIFA 2006) allows ranking of regions/areas, providing a method of determining the level of social and economic well-being in that region.

Priced products – call 1300 135 070

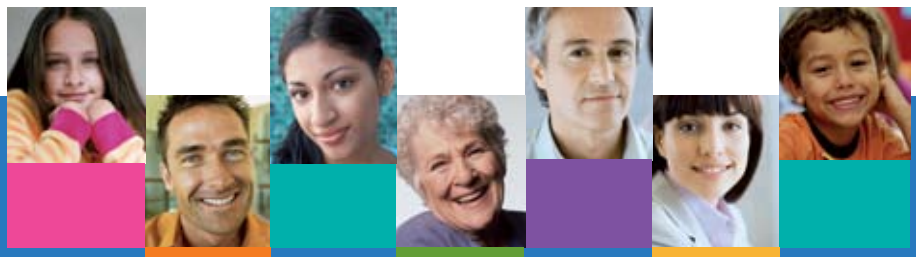
Census DataPacks: A CD-ROM product containing Census Community Profile data from a single Collection District to an entire State/Territory and all of Australia

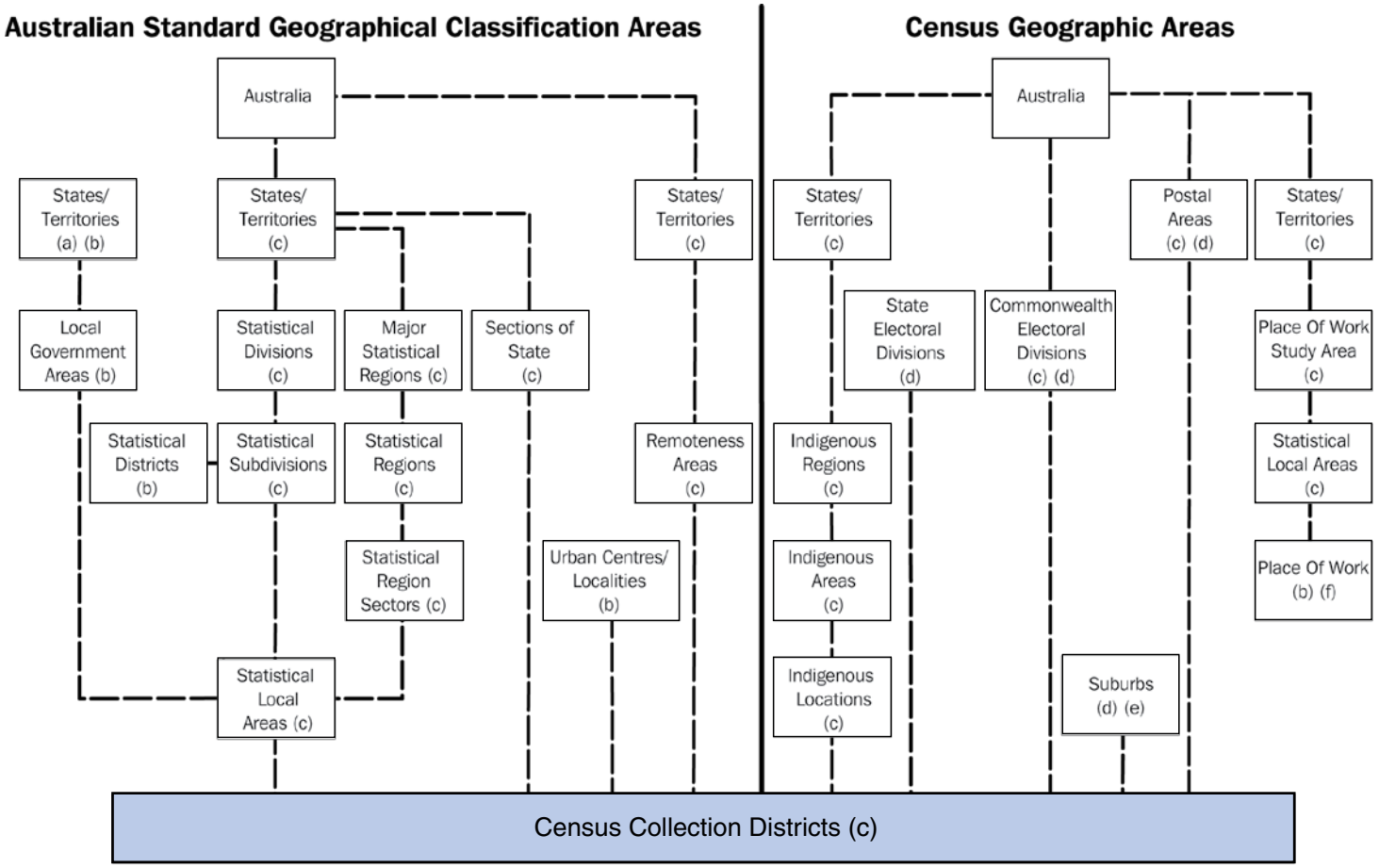
TableBuilder: Allows users to construct their own tables via an interactive web interface, using a database containing the 2006 Census Unit Record File.

Census Sample File: A confidentialised unit record file of Census variables, which can be used for regression analysis and data modelling.

Social Atlas Series: Presents Census data visually using thematic maps and commentary.

Picture of the Nation: The Australian Statistician's Report: Provides a comprehensive overview of the 2006 Census.





Note: (a) Incorporated areas only. (b) Cover part of Australia only. (c) Cover all of Australia. (d) Approximations created by aggregating Collection Districts (CDs).
(e) Only available for specific areas within specified States/Territories. (f) Study Areas do not concord with CDs, but they do aggregate to Statistical Local Areas.

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